

"Indian's Luck" in Tribune Baseball

Team at St. Gabriel's Park Has Byword That Is Spelling Success.

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Race for Prizes Close, Several Nines Having Yet to Suffer Reverses.

"Indian's luck" is a byword of St. Gabriel's Park playground. The phrase grew with the Tribune baseball tournament. Early in May, when the teams were forming for the tournament, L. E. Murtha, the playground instructor told Johnny McCardie, known to his mates in the playground as "The Run," to get up a team and try to win one of those cups and medals.

"Aw," said "The Run," "the kids that I go with can't play baseball."

"Why don't you try?" said Murtha.

The rest is more or less playground baseball history. The Indians, they called themselves that, got out for the opening game in the elimination tournament. And they won. Murtha forgot the details of that game, but he knows that the Indians won.

Then they won their next twelve games.

When they started out the Indians did not know a deal of baseball. Now they represent St. Gabriel's Park in the eighty-five pound class in the Tribune Baseball Tournament. They have picked up a lot of the finer points of the game. They have held their own in the interpark series that is now in progress. They may not reach the inter-sectional series that comes in a few weeks, but if they do one thing is certain, "Indian's luck" is sure to stand by them in the pinches.

Last Wednesday the Indians won the only game in the series with the Thomas Jefferson Park teams. The final score of that game was 3 to 1, but it might have been more if Peewee Delany had not nipped at a rally in the final inning. With two on bases he figured conspicuously in a double play that would have done credit to a big leaguer.

Peewee has been called a pocket edition Ty Cobb, and most without reason. There is not one of the playground instructors who has seen him play who has not praised him for his quickness in the field and his baseball sense.

Incidentally, the Indians would be glad to get Peewee on their team if he could be managed so that he could jump. His only rival is "The Run." The pitchers all say that they have to get down on their knees to pitch to him.

The Indians have Christy Gould. Some weeks ago Christy earned not a little fame for himself by his pitching. There are those carrying critics that would detract from his play by saying that he pitched the ball that St. Gabriel's Park helps him. A little. Certain it is that the feather light ball develops strange and wonderful "hops" on the way from the pitcher's box to the catcher's.

There is no doubt that the teams would be the harder ball in practice and in their games are at a disadvantage in the game where the tape bound ball is used. The converse of a hard ball, however, on a soft field, it can be hit out of the park, and at one of the smaller playgrounds ground rules are in force most of the time.

There was plenty of action last week in the twenty-three diamonds where the ninety or more teams are competing. While the race is close all the way, not a few of the teams have available records.

In the northern section the Reservoirs are leading in the 85, 100 and 150 pound classes. The first place named teams by winning the seven games rating by date. The Jasper Oval 115-pound team is the other contender for the honors in this section.

Thomas Jefferson seems to have a good grip on the lead in the 115 and 130 pound teams are leading, with six games won and none lost.

This also is true in the southern section, where the Hamilton Fish Park 85, 115 and 130 pound nines have a record of seven straight victories and not a defeat. In this section the Columbus Park 100-pound team has won its six straits.

The race is a bit keener in the western section, but nevertheless the West 95th St. playground is leading in three classes. The Chelsea 100-pound team, however, has a perfect score so far.

The standing of the teams in the four sections up to Friday follows:

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